

Carbon Neutral

Also known as having a “net zero carbon footprint.” Refers to achieving net zero carbon emissions by balancing a measured amount of carbon released with an equivalent amount captured, set aside, or offset.

Charrette

A collaborative and intensive work session where a group focuses on developing a solution to a problem.

Composting

Converting organic material such as food scraps and/or yard trimmings to a mixture that consists largely of decayed organic matter and is used for fertilizing and conditioning land.

Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste

Materials generated during construction and demolition of structures, roads, etc.

Diversion

To redirect materials away from the landfill to be reused via recycling, composting or other methods.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Common household chemicals and substances for which the owner no longer has a use.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

A specialized plant that receives, separates and prepares recyclable materials for marketing to end-user manufacturers.

Single Stream Recycling

City of Austin Recycling program available to customers that are eligible to receive services from the City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department which are primarily limited to single family homes, duplex/triplex/fourplexes, and small businesses that meet certain criteria.

Social Networking

Utilizing internet sites to share information, comments, and suggestions.

Zero Waste

A sustainability philosophy that goes beyond recycling, taking a “whole system” approach to evaluating the flow of resources and waste created by our communities. For Austin, Zero Waste success is defined as achieving a 90% reduction in per capita solid waste disposed of in landfills and incinerators by 2040.



Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan (ISWMMP or “Master Plan”) Public Input on Scope Framework

Thank you from Acting Director Tammie Williamson.

I would like to take this moment to thank you for taking time out of your very busy schedules to participate in the first of many public input meetings regarding the Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan. Your input is invaluable and will help us develop a long term plan to achieve and possibly exceed our zero waste goals.

Sincerely,

Purpose

Working with the community to discuss the Scope of Services for the Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan.

Timeline:

- Kickoff Meeting
 - When:** Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30 pm
 - Where:** City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street
 - Why:** Open to the public with the intent of providing a background of the Zero Waste Strategic Plan and goals for the Master Plan.
- Public Input Meeting
 - When:** Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 pm
 - Where:** Town Lake Center #130, 721 Barton Springs Rd
 - Why:** To work through the scope framework together.
- Commission Meetings
 - SWAC:** Wednesdays, August 12 and September 9
 - Resource Management Board:** Tuesday, August 18
 - Environmental Board:** Wednesday, August 19
 - Sustainable Food Policy Board:** Tuesday, August 24

Step 1. Kick Off Meeting History, Background, & Objectives

What is the Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan?

The ISWMMP will be a detail-oriented 50 year plan that identifies concrete, specific infrastructure, funding mechanisms and other step-by-step requirements, including training and public outreach, needed to fully implement and achieve the policy goals approved by the City Council in the Zero Waste Strategic Plan and the Climate Protection Plan.

Consultant's Master Plan Objective:

To develop a Master Plan that:

- Uses the City's Zero Waste, Climate Protection, and other sustainability goals as its policy foundation;
- Engages the community to determine the public's sentiment regarding its observations of existing programs/ services, the need for new initiatives and/ or facilities, and the willingness to pay for the new initiatives/ facilities;
- Establishes a cohesive framework for promoting and implementing programs to minimize environmental impacts and enhance resource conservation opportunities in the Solid Waste Services Department's waste management programs; and
- Serves as a business planning document to identify financial requirements, long-term financing options, regional waste shed challenges, facility requirements, and program requirements necessary to provide solid waste services to Austin's growing population for the next 50 years.



Step 2. Public Input Meeting Working Through the Scope Framework Together

Before the City can begin a Master Planning process, we must first determine the Master Plan's scope of work.

Key components of the Master Plan include:

- An inventory of existing solid waste management systems and programs in the region;
- An analysis of system and program efficiencies/effectiveness;
- A facilities/needs assessment; and
- A sustainable implementation and funding plan to manage Austin's solid waste for the next 50 years.

Throughout this planning process, the consultant will engage the community to obtain public input. The City wants to reach a consensus on developing an Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan.

- How shall the consultant engage the community in developing the Master Plan?
- Who are the key stakeholders?
- What are the key milestones and tangible results?

At the Public Input meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2009, participants will be asked to take part in a few exercises that will help staff and the consultant better understand the community's response to these questions.

